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Elba City Council passes resolution Petitions begin circulating for wet-dry election

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council met some emotional chords Monday evening and they did it as a group voting unanimously in support of a resolution to submit to the local schools any additional tax monies received by the city from the legal sale of alcoholic beverages, should the sale of alcoholic beverages become legal in the City of Elba.

This resolution had been requested two weeks ago by a group of local citizens who have been meeting informally for several months seeking ways to raise additional local funds needed by the Elba school system.

Spokesman for the group, Daniel Stephens, addressed the council two weeks ago and said they wanted to be able to assure local citizens that if a proposed wet-dry issue was approved, the additional money generated from the sale of alcoholic bever-

ages within the city limits would directly benefit the financially strapped Elba schools.

Stephens said Monday evening that he understands the petitions calling for the wet-dry election have begun to circulate, but he didn't know how many names have been secured, nor did he know how many people were actually circulating petitions. The group needs to secure between 400 and 500 signatures of qualified Elba voters in order to get the matter on the ballot for a vote.

Alabama Law spells out exactly what percentage of the voter casting ballot in the last city election must sign such a petition to make it binding on the city council to call an election. Once the names have been submitted, the city must check them as authenticity within a set number of days and then call a city-wide election within another predetermined number of days. Only legal registered voters of Elba may legally sign such a petition and/or vote in the sub-

sequent election.

The resolution passed by the city council carried a three point resolution:

Number One: That the City Council takes no position either in favor or against the sale of alcoholic beverages in the corporate limits of the City of Elba.

Number Two: That any and all revenue received by the city on the sale of alcoholic beverages, with the exception of general sales taxes shall be utilized and distributed so as to support and fund the Elba City School System.

Number Three: Should no municipal option election be held within twelve (12) months of the adoption of this Resolution or should the majority voters of Elba vote against the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages in the corporate limits of the City of Elba that this Resolution shall be considered null and void.

Spokesman for the group,

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During Coffee County Commission meeting

Citizens voice opposition to landfill permit modification

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The majority of the Coffee County Commission meeting Monday morning, April 8, revolved around a public hearing concerning a possible landfill expansion as several county citizens voiced their opposition.

The commission held the hearing to get an idea of the public's opinion regarding a permit modification for the Coffee County Landfill. The county is looking at submitting a request to increase the service area of the landfill to include all counties in the State of Alabama, Florida and Georgia (293 counties altogether) and increase the maximum average daily volume of 600 tons per day to 1,200 tons per day.

Before opening the floor for comments, Commission chairman Tom Grimes said no decision would be made during Monday's meeting concerning the matter.

County engineer Ray Tindol began the comments by explaining the county's reasons for wanting to request the permit modification.

He said one of the largest waste management corporations recently opened a facility in Brundidge, and a great deal of waste that at one time came to Coffee County is now going to there instead.

Tindol said an estimate indi-

cates that by year end revenues at the Coffee County Landfill will be down \$1 million.

"For the landfill to remain an asset instead of a liability for the county, you need to replace the lost business," he said.

Ben McKee, a county resident and representative of a group known as the Concerned Citizens of Coffee County, said the group he represents learned in Dec. 1991 that their elected officials had voted to locate a landfill in its current location adjacent to Watercress Creek.

"First it was only going to be for Coffee County," McKee said. "Then it was going to take

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Political Office Qualifiers

Democratic Party

Republican Party

State:

Ben Moates (Incumbent)

Ronald W. Whitworth

Revenue Commissioner:

Donnie Farris

Bob Helms

County BOE - Dist. One:

Charles Walker (Incumbent)

Carlton Grant

Larry Dickey

County BOE - Dist. Seven:

Danny Jernigan (Incumbent)

Coroner - Enterprise Div.:

Robert "Rob" Ward (Incumbent)

Ala. State Senate, Dist. 31:

Greg White

Ala. State Rep., Dist. 91:

Wes Howell

Primary Election:
June 4, 2002

Ward announces candidacy for BOE District One seat

Keith Ward, a lifelong resident of the Zion Chapel Community, Jack, Ala., announced his plans this week to seek the Republican nomination for the Coffee County Board of Education District One seat during the upcoming election.

Ward is a 1989 graduate of Zion Chapel High School and attended two years at Enterprise State Junior College. He is married to former Teresa Dunn of Brundidge, and they have two children, Zackary Dylan, 7-years-old, and Heather Lynn, 2-years-old. The family attends Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Ward has been a member of the Zion Chapel Youth Sports

Program for the past three years and currently serves as its vice president.

"I am a firm believer that you

should be active in the school

system if you are going to represent it," he said. "Since I have been involved with the youth program over the past few years, I have noticed some things in which I feel could be handled differently to ensure that we are not getting away from putting our children first."

Ward said being involved with the school system is something he plans to do for many years to come with his oldest child only being in the second grade.

"It's my belief that a person with children in school has a better interest in improving the school system as a whole," he said. "When I attended school myself, I didn't think much about the school's future, but as a father I am now constantly looking for ways to improve the system."

He said the Coffee County

Board of Education District One seat needs to be filled by a person who will stand behind the community and students and listen to their needs and wants.

"I have many years of active duty with the school ahead of me," Ward said. "As a school

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Keith Ward

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK The Elba Public Library will have a book sale April 15-19 in celebration of National Library Week. Overdue fines may be paid during this week by bringing canned food items (one can for every dollar) to the library. The cans will be donated to the Christian Mission.

ELBA CLEAN UP DAY Team Clean Up Day, sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, is scheduled for Saturday, April 20, beginning at 9 a.m. Activities include picking up trash around the city, sprucing up the flower pots around the sidewalks and cleaning around the courthouse, Civic groups, school clubs, church groups, business organizations or anyone interested in putting together a team is asked to help with this project. Team members of 10 or more may call for an opportunity to accumulate miles. Lunch will be provided at 12 noon and will be prepared by the Elba Fire Department. Anyone interested should call the Elba Chamber of Commerce office at 337-3125 to sign up.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

The newspaper business is one in which it is awful easy to offend people without even trying. Requiring ALL letters to the editor to be signed by at least one real, reachable person is guaranteed to offend someone whenever an emotional issue is in the news. Last week we apparently did it again, by declining to publish a long letter to the editor because the only signature submitted was that of tried and true "Concerned Citizens." It is hard to get a person whose emotions are already worked up to understand that this rule wasn't put in just for one group... it cuts all four ways, regardless of the position being taken in the letter. Actually it gives credit to the content of the letter in the eyes of the reader. It is impossible to explain that we once tried the unsigned letters method and that didn't improve our Letters to the Editor column; it just offended more of our readers who felt that if a person felt strongly enough about an issue to express a written opinion, they should feel strongly enough to sign their name(s). Frankly, we agree and you all know exactly who writes these opinions in Brainstorms (and takes the praise and/or verbal abuse that goes with the job). Sure it would probably be flattering to have everyone agree with our opinions, but that is not reality. What is better is knowing we're in a free country and every person has the right to voice their own opinion, in agreement or disagreement. We are secure in that reality far more than we would be in having everyone walking up and nodding agreement because it was dangerous to do otherwise. Send us your letters, on any issue, agreeing with us or not, but please, don't ask us to print it without your name. This only leads to tense, and sometimes embarrassing moments as we try to be diplomatic in refusing your request. Another thing that is hard for some people to accept is that we are not offended by opinions that differ from our own. Long ago it was made clear in our mind that our answers are quite often not the best routes to solving a problem.

Thus far none of the letters to the editor dealing with the proposed wet-dry issue have created any open disagreements over the signature issue, but then the movement is young and there is plenty of time. If we get no offended letter writer over the signature requirement in this round, it will be a first. Usually someone on one side or the other has something to say but is reluctant to step forward and be counted by name. They often have what they consider justifiable reasons for us making an exception to the rule. Not being smart enough to know where to draw that jagged line, we don't try... it is straight and applies to all of us.

It has been several weeks since the anniversaries of Elba's major floods. They were not mentioned here at the time and by design. On the very anniversary of one of our disastrous floods, many of our fellow Americans in Tennessee and Kentucky were being hit by flooding rains, causing death and destruction. It is eerie to think that if those weather fronts had moved a little further south... hush.

Monday May 13th is our magic day! Groundbreaking on the massive levee improvements in good old Elba, Ala. That is the day Mayor James Grimes will grab a shovel, along with a host of state and federal officials, and launch the actual work that will make greater Elba secure from those fickle bad weather patterns. Hopefully we will be there with us, sharing our bursting pride, as the long awaited work gets underway.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of April 1, 2002, through April 7, 2002. They were: Venerie Boutwell, Shirley Hudson, Damian Hudson, Shondorus Mitchell James Arnold, James R. Arnold, Sandarius Reed, Ryan Hartman, Michael Driggers, Mallie Hudson, Billy Wood, Helen Lader, Caitlin Powell, Kayla Johnson, Cody Holton, April Mooney, Roy Davis and Joyce Johnson.

Patients discharged during the

Elba teams hitting the pavement hard during health initiative

Ella City Schools
Ella Elementary Walking Tigers 57 miles
Ella Elementary Tigers 239.2 miles
Ella High School Faculty 358.5 miles

Police Department
Top Cops 230.5 miles & 6 lbs.

Dorsey Trailers
Trailer Trackers 347 miles

Senior Citizens

Go Getters 230.5 miles & 6 lbs.
Young at Heart 286 miles
Puffers 223.5 miles
Golden Girls 317.6 miles

National Security
National Security Trotters 181 miles
National Security Walking Tigers 292.3 miles

Pepoles Bank
Money Changers 125 miles
People's Bank Team Two 133.5 miles

Kleinert's
Team One 170.3 miles & 19 lbs

Team Two 118 miles & 35 lbs
Courthouse Gang 96 miles
TOTAL 498 MILES & 92 POUNDS

teams turn in their miles for that week. A nutritious meal will be served on the courthouse square and then all teams will walk together on the mile marked downtown.

Some teams have issued challenges to other teams so that we need to keep a check on the miles to see where things stand. The way it stands now, the Top Cops are going to be washing cars at National Security for the Fast & Furious team.

Other planned activities include Mike's Gym is open on Thursday afternoon from 5:30 p.m. (free during these hours).

Mile markers have been placed downtown beginning at Sir Claymore Center and also at the high school.

Dr. Scott Hannen will conduct a seminar on Healthy Lifestyles on Friday, April 19th at 3:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center. There is no charge for the seminar.

The grand finale for the Elba teams will be Friday, May 3, from 5:30-7 p.m. An announcement of the winner will be made after all

events.

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Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, April 1, 2002, investigated the following incidents, four for theft of property, two for burglary, one lost property, one abandoned trailer, one harassment, two for receiving stolen property, one criminal mischief, one possession of a controlled substance, one minor in possession, two for drug overdose and two for domestic violence.

The following arrests were made: two for domestic violence, two for failure to appear, two for receiving stolen property, two for possession of a controlled substance and four for minor in possession.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for violation of the seat belt law; one for a revoked driver's license; one for an expired tag; one for a switched tag; four for non-operating vehicle; four for speeding; one for no driver's license; one for an open container; one for violation of the child restraint law; two for no insurance and three for proof of insurance.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, APRIL 1 - River stage - 8.02 feet (6:32 a.m.); River stage - 7.80 feet (6:11 a.m.); River stage - 7.50 feet (6:08 a.m.); Land and excessive noise reported at 5836 County Rd. 364 (8:30 p.m.).

TUESDAY, APRIL 2 - Disturbance reported at 705 Newton St. (1:46 a.m.); Disturbance reported at Elba General Hospital (4:18 a.m.); River stage - 7.80 feet (6:11 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3 - River stage - 7.68 feet (6:09 a.m.); Alarm activated at 5389 Hwy. 84 (4:50 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched by Dr. Cochran's office (5:44 p.m.).

THURSDAY, APRIL 4 - River stage - 7.68 feet (6:09 a.m.); Alarm activated at 5389 Hwy. 84 (4:50 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched by Dr. Cochran's office (5:44 p.m.).

BULLETIN BOARD
SOCIAL SECURITY REE
Community Center 3:30-1:30. Call
FREE 1-800-772-1213

ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 7:30 a.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL - 1st & 3rd Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues.; Senior Citizen Center

ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st, 3rd & 5th Tues., 7:30 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thur.; Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

MASONIC LODGE 178 - 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m.

BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE - Mon.-Fri. 8:12 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858

COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House

REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon Colony Inn, 12:30 p.m.

AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room

LAARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport-Driscoll Hall

ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

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Coffee County Surrounding Counties - \$17 per year
6 Months - \$9, including city & state tax

Alabama Counties - \$19 per year - including tax
6 months - \$10

Outside Alabama - \$21 per year - 6 months - \$11

ALL PAYMENTS DUE ONCE A MONTH

ALL ADVERTISING DUE ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE

ALL CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING DUE ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE

CHURCH NEWS



ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

Scripture: Galatians 3:1-8

Thinking of you, praying for you. Elsie Coopers, Annette

Harrison, Wallace Belcher, Rev.

Mose Rodgers, Sarah Ann

Justice, Kaden Sawyer, Lovie

Hicks, Selena Herndon, Butie

Tillis, Sr. and Marie Tillis.

April Birthdays: Marla R.

Rideaux April 10, Marcus R.

Kelle April 10, Donald Smith

April 10, Wesley Kelley April

16 and Rodrick Nicholson April

10.

Family and Friends Day will be held at Antioch Baptist Church in Rose Hill, Ala. on April 14, 2002 at 2:30 p.m.

Piney Grove Baptist Church

will hold Men and Women's

Day on April 21, 2002 at 11:00 a.m.

Eria

SAR to meet in Geneva April 18

Paul Revere's activities as a patriot will be the topic of a program when members of the Wrecker Chapter Sons of the American Revolution, meet at 11:30 a.m. April 18 in the Devos Restaurant in Geneva.

Chapter President James D. Lee said chapter member Richard A. Kemp will be the

Gospel Singing planned at Mt. Zion Baptist Church
897-2006

***Shady Grove A.M.E. Church will hold a Lay Organization on April 14, 2002 at 3:00 p.m.

***Oak Grove Baptist Church

in Elba, Ala. (Danley's Cross Roads) will celebrate their Annual Chor Day on April 14, 2002 at 2:30 p.m.

Friendship Baptist Church in County will be participating in an On Mission Celebration April 12-14.

Missionaries from foreign, home, and state mission fields will be speaking at these church.

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Speaker as the group joins in observance of Patriot Day proclamations by Alabama Governor Siegelman for April 19.

Lee said this is the only meeting the chapter has scheduled this year in Geneva and that all active and former members of SAR are welcome with their guests.

Gospel concert to

planned at Country Cathedral

Gospel in song presents the Dixie Echoes and the Good News Quartet in concert on Friday, April 12 at Country Cathedral in Opp, AL at 7:00 p.m. The Dixie Echoes are a nationally known gospel singing group based in Pensacola, FL.

Since they were formed in 1960, they have released nearly fifty albums, and have had numerous top ten singles. The Dixie Echoes have received numerous awards such as Group of the Year and Album of the Year by the Southern Gospel Music Association, as well as various Singing News Fan Awards.

The Dixie Echoes have performed throughout the United States and Canada.

The Dixie Echoes have become a respected standard in the field of gospel music.

Bridal Registry

Sarah Jane Shively & Michael Robbins

Wedding 4/13/2002

Melissa Benbow & Lowell Thomas III

Shower: 03/17/02 Wedding: 4/13/02

Robyn Rhoades & Barney Wilborn

Shower: 05/05/02 Wedding: 05/11/02

Katie Terrell & Matt Morrow

Wedding: 05/19/02 Reception: 06/02/02

Sasha Kidd & Brady O'Neal

Shower: 05/19/02 Wedding: 05/15/02

Stephanie McDonald & Trent McRae

Shower: 4/14/02 Wedding: 06/01/02

Mandy Shirley & Wade Mundy

Shower: 4/21/02 Wedding: 6/08/02

Heather Davis & Jason Fox

Shower: T.B.A. Wedding: 6/22/02

Molly Jones & Christopher Phillips Jones

Shower: 4/14/2002 Wedding: 5/25/02

Briar Patch

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ON MARCH 30, DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH of the Chestnut Grove Community celebrated with an Easter Egg hunt and Fellowship for young and old. Pictured is the pastor of Dorcas Baptist Bro. Don Grantham and several young egg hunters. Dorcas Baptist church would like to invite everyone to visit them. Sunday school begins at 10:00 a.m., morning worship is at 11:00 a.m., evening worship is at 6:00 p.m.

Gospel Music Concert" to be held at New Brockton Farm Center

National recording artists, "The Dennis Family" from Millbrook, Alabama, will be in concert on Saturday, April 20, at 6:00 p.m. at the New Brockton Farm Center, New Brockton, Alabama. Others to perform include "Master's Call" (The Smith Family), and Dregi Snellgrove, all from Coffee County.

An admission will be charged. A concession stand will be available, the concert is being sponsored by Jack in a Box Daycare and Learning Center, Jack.

All proceeds from the concert will benefit the American Cancer Society. For more information, please call Jack in a Box Daycare and Learning Center at 897-1535.

A Bar-B-Q benefit will be held Saturday, April 13 from 11 a.m. until for Carmel Jackson. The benefit will be held at the Kinston High School cafeteria, and the plates will be \$5 each on a first come first served basis.

Barbecue Benefit set at Kinston High School on April 13

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From Seeds of Sorrow Grow Flowers of Hope.

American Cancer Society

1.800.ACS.2345

Deadline For Church News Is Monday!!

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT...?

A Service of the Elba Church of Christ

"What attitude is the Christian to have toward racism?"

Unknown

Christianity was born into a world filled with racial prejudice. It occurred many times, but the most obvious was the attitude of the Jews toward the Gentiles. Godlessness abhors any assumed racial superiority. The Bible provides us with an "equalization factor" found in Romans 3:9-12,23. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" regardless of race. The element of sin in our lives cuts across economic, racial, and intellectual boundaries. Christ brought equality, the basis of which is obedience, not skin coloration! Christ has broken down the wall between us (Ephesians 2:14-16), drawing mankind into one body by his death on the cross (Acts 17:26). God is not "respecter of persons," but comes to us on the basis of his righteousness" (Acts 10:34). God makes no distinction in the basis of race and forbids the same in us. James taught, "Hold not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, with respect of persons" (2:1). In v. 19, he labeled discrimination as sin! The blood of Christ is contacted in baptism, wherein all barriers are destroyed, being made one in Christ (Galatians 3:26-28). Peter violated this principle and was reprimanded by Paul (Galatians 2:11). Observe how Jesus responded to all people (Luke 10:30) and be motivated to activate the "Golden Rule" by treating others as we want to be treated (Matthew 7:12). Humility will not allow us to treat any human being as inferior. We must assume the disposition of Jesus. The master could cost us our eternal salvation!

-Mike King - Declarer, Al

If you would like to submit a question for consideration to be used in this column, please send it to: "Questions and Answers," c/o Elba Church of Christ, P.O. Box 269, Elba, AL 36322. Please enclose money to attend the services of the Elba Church of Christ. Please call 897-2057 for times of services.

training, then had him perform for the group.

Caesar sniffed and found drugs that had been hidden in several places in the room.

Austin Redmon, also from the police department, entered the room wearing a protective shield and allowed the dog to attack him in an illustrated situation.

With Officer Fulton was his partner, Caesar, a German Shepherd purchased by the city. The officer told of the dog's

success in helping the department to control drugs in Elba," said Officer Fulton.

"Caesar is a great help in the

department's efforts to control

drugs in Elba," said Officer Fulton.

Church Directory

Faith Chapel Community

Bernard Strickland, Pastor

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.

Wor. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Sam Trotter, Pastor

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.

Wor. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. Phillip Copes, Pastor

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.

Wor. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Robert Smith, Pastor

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.

Wor. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BUFFY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Elbert Smith, Pastor

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.

Wor. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Sam Trotter, Pastor

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m.

Wor. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Harry Gill, Pastor

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

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SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales
Editor:
Katie Grimes

EES Faculty Spotlight

By Jonathan Head



This article pays tribute to the EES Faculty Spotlight of the week Mrs. James Hutchison.

Mrs. Hutchison is a secretary at Elba Elementary and has been earning her deep at EES for two years. Mrs. Hutchison is a graduate of the education program at local Troy State University.

While Mrs. Hutchison is not partaking in the pleasure of work, she enjoys painting, fishing, and spending time with friends. She is the proud wife of Benji Hutchison, and they have recently welcomed a new baby boy into the family.

When asked who inspired her the most as to her career path, Mrs. Hutchison decided to "My grandmother Jessie Windham taught for over 40 years and made a difference in so many lives."

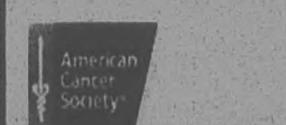
Elba students test knowledge with Stanford Achievement Test

by Stephanie Sasser

The students of the Elba City School system are once again testing their knowledge with the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT). The SAT is designed to evaluate what the student has learned, comprehended, and retained thus far in their educational tenure. However, there is one minor change this year. In years past, third through

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This week's Co-op Spotlight focuses on Brandy Davis.

Brandy is a senior at Elba High School and the 18-year-old daughter of Debbie Duncan. She is employed at the Elba Marketplace where she works as a cashier.

Brandy's extracurricular activities at Elba High include holding the office of vice-president of VICA.

After graduation, she plans on attending Wallace College in Dothan.

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Activities planned during National Library Week at Elba City Schools

by Kimberly Farris

National Library Week marks the launch of an exciting new national initiative sponsored by the American Library Association called "Rediscover America @ your library." This program is intended to display the vital role of libraries and librarians to our democracy and assure policymakers and the public that libraries and librarians are needed now, more than ever.

The Elba Public Library and Elba City School libraries united for National Library Week. Mayor Grimes attended the meeting and read the National Library Week 2002 Proclamation.

"Librarians are the guardians of free access to information and resources," said Mayor Grimes.

Each library will be celebrating National Library Week in different ways. The Elba Elementary School will have a variety of activities including games, contests and readers' choice awards.

Elba High School is also going to have competitions and prizes. Appreciation gifts will be given to faculty and staff.

EHS holds Miss Spring Break pageant

by Katie Grimes

In celebration of Elba High School's spring break vacation, the journalism staff sponsored the annual Miss Spring Break pageant.

This year's pageant featured 14 lovely "ladies" of Elba High School. The contestants sought out the help of reliable female friends to assist them in the transition from a rough and tough young man to a "proper" lady.

Once the "ladies" had put their faces on and found the perfect outfit, they paraded their stuff for the judges.

This year's winners were "Alexis Zandrea Daniels" (Zel Daniels) - winner, "Micah Hunt" (Jonathan Head) - 1st runner-up, "Michelle "Big Chocolate" Reed" (Michael Reed) - 2nd runner-up and "Gabby Paulina Mauldin" (Gavin Mauldin) - Miss Congeniality.

Wednesday April 3rd: 3rd grade Reading Comprehension, 4th & 6th grades Math Problem Solving, 8th Mathematics

Wednesday April 10th: 3rd grade Reading Comprehension, 4th & 6th grades Math Problem Solving

Thursday April 11th: 3rd grade Language, 4th & 6th grades Reading Comprehension

Friday April 12th: 3rd - 8th grades OLSAT

eleventh graders have all been required to take the SAT, but because of the increased difficulty of the Graduation Exam, ninth through eleventh graders are being excluded from the SAT this year. The schedule for the testing of students is as follows:

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Wednesday April 10th: 3rd grade Reading Comprehension, 4th & 6th grades Math Problem Solving

Thursday April 11th: 3rd grade Language, 4th & 6th grades Reading Comprehension

Friday April 12th: 3rd grade

OLSAT

Language

Monday April 8th: 8th grade

Language

Tuesday April 9th: 9th grade

Reading Vocabulary/Math Procedures; 5th grade Reading Vocabulary/Science; 4th & 6th grades Math Problem Solving;

7th Mathematics

Wednesday April 10th: 10th grade

Reading Vocabulary/Math Procedures; 6th grade Reading Comprehension; 6th grade Language; 7th and 8th grades Reading

Thursday April 11th: 11th grade

Reading Comprehension

Friday April 12th: 12th grade

Reading Comprehension

Language

Monday April 15th: 8th grade

Language

Tuesday April 16th: 9th grade

Reading Vocabulary/Math Procedures; 5th grade Reading Vocabulary/Science; 4th & 6th grades Math Problem Solving;

7th Mathematics

Wednesday April 17th: 10th grade

Reading Vocabulary/Math Procedures; 6th grade Reading Comprehension; 6th grade Language; 7th and 8th grades Reading

Thursday April 18th: 11th grade

Reading Comprehension

Language

Friday April 19th: 12th grade

Reading Comprehension

Language

Monday April 22nd: 8th grade

Language

Tuesday April 23rd: 9th grade

Reading Vocabulary/Math Procedures; 5th grade Reading Vocabulary/Science; 4th & 6th grades Math Problem Solving;

7th Mathematics

Wednesday April 24th: 10th grade

Reading Vocabulary/Math Procedures; 6th grade Reading Comprehension; 6th grade Language; 7th and 8th grades Reading

Thursday April 25th: 11th grade

Reading Comprehension

Language

Friday April 26th: 12th grade

Reading Comprehension

Language

Monday April 29th: 8th grade

Language

Tuesday April 30th: 9th grade

Reading Vocabulary/Math Procedures; 5th grade Reading Vocabulary/Science; 4th & 6th grades Math Problem Solving;

7th Mathematics

Wednesday May 1st: 10th grade

Reading Vocabulary/Math Procedures; 6th grade Reading Comprehension; 6th grade Language; 7th and 8th grades Reading

Thursday May 2nd: 11th grade

Reading Comprehension

Language

Friday May 3rd: 12th grade

Reading Comprehension

Language

Monday May 6th: 8th grade

Language

Tuesday May 7th: 9th grade

Reading Vocabulary/Math Procedures; 5th grade Reading Vocabulary/Science; 4th & 6th grades Math Problem Solving;

7th Mathematics

Wednesday May 8th: 10th grade

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Reading Comprehension

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Reading Comprehension

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7th Mathematics

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Reading Vocabulary/Math Procedures; 6th grade Reading Comprehension; 6th grade Language; 7th and 8th grades Reading

Thursday May 16th: 11th grade

Reading Comprehension

Language

Friday May 17th: 12th grade

Reading Comprehension

Language

Monday May 20th: 8th grade

Language

Tuesday May 21st: 9th grade

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7th Mathematics

Wednesday May 22nd: 10th grade

Reading Vocabulary/Math Procedures; 6th grade Reading Comprehension; 6th grade Language; 7th and 8th grades Reading

Thursday May 23rd: 11th grade

Reading Comprehension

Language

Friday May 24th: 12th grade

Reading Comprehension

Language

Monday May 27th: 8th grade

Language

Tuesday May 28th: 9th grade

Reading Vocabulary/Math Procedures; 5th grade Reading Vocabulary/Science; 4th & 6th grades Math Problem Solving;

7th Mathematics

Wednesday May 29th: 10th grade

Reading Vocabulary/Math Procedures; 6th grade Reading Comprehension; 6th grade Language; 7th and 8th grades Reading

Thursday May 30th: 11th grade

Reading Comprehension

Language

Friday May 31st: 12th grade

Reading Comprehension

Language

Monday June 3rd: 8th grade

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

After a one-year absence the Mularz family once again has a cheerleader in the house. Our older daughter had been a high school cheerleader for years and there were always pom poms and megaphones lying around the house, but after she graduated we had a year of silence and put the accessories upstairs in the attic! Last week Melanie made the junior high squad, and I guess now we'll have to find some of big sister's stuff and get ready to go to junior high football and basketball games. One thing for certain, as long as you have children you don't have to worry about finding things to do.

SWINGS AND MISSES....

The Elba Tigers came back from the holidays well rested and ready to play baseball, and made their return to the diamond a wining one as they won three games last week to improve their record to 8-3. The Tigers opened the week with an easy 8-0 over Samson, then whipped up on Luverne 12-5 in a key area game and closed out the week with an 8-4 win over 5A Greenville. I expected the Tigers to bounce back with a new energy after finally getting a few days off, and they more than exceeded my expectations with a big area rally past Luverne 12-5 over Luverne.

A single by Richard Myers and a walk to Matthew Curran sparked the early Elba rally, while Kyle English delivered a key single that resulted in both runs.

Singles by Marcus Henderson and Rick Smith, along with a walk to Ralston Moore, helped the Tigers continue their rally in the top of the fourth, and this time it was Richard Myers that delivered in the clutch, as he ripped a two-run double that pushed Elba in front 5-4.

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Grab big area road win

Tigers rally past Luverne 12-5

The Elba Tigers grabbed a big area win on the road Thursday afternoon by defeating the Luverne Tigers 12-5, in the second inning. However, Elba bounced back with two runs in the third as the Tigers started their comeback.

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Elba slams Samson 13-3

The Elba Tigers rallied from an early 3-2 deficit to blast the Samson Tigers 13-3, last Tuesday afternoon in Elba.

The Tigers combined two walks with singles by Jason Curran, Ralston Moore and Derrick Thomas to grab a 2-1 first inning lead. But then watched as Samson rallied and scored twice in the top of the third to regain the lead at 3-2.

Ralston Moore added an RBI in the fifth as the Tigers increased their lead to 13-3 to close out the win.

Ralston Moore got 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Jason Curran added 2 hits and collected 3 RBIs, and Derrick Thomas also chipped in with 2 hits. Marcus Henderson got the win on the mound and struck out eight batters.

Elba regained the lead with a bang in its half of the third on a two-run homer by Jason Curran, and added two runs later in the inning to move on top 6-3.

The Tigers continued their onslaught in the bottom of the fourth as they combed five free passes with two hits and a Samson error to plumb six runs and extend their lead to 12-3.

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Elba Tigers capped off a three-win streak on Friday night by defeating the 5A Greenville Tigers 8-4, in Greenville.

Win was the third straight for the Tigers since spring break and upped their record to 8-3 on the season.

The Tigers jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead in the top of the first when Brandon Petty drew a lead off walk and later scored on an RBI single by Ralston Moore, then moved on top 2-0 in the fourth when Rick Smith singled and raced home to cap off the inning, and the Tigers were finally in charge with an 8-1 lead.

Greenville threw a mild scare into the Tigers in the bottom of the seventh as it scored three runs, but it was too little, too late, as Elba easily held on to post the 8-4 win.

Marcus Henderson got 3 hits and led Elba at the plate, while Jason Curran, Ralston Moore and Derrick Thomas all added 2 hits. Kyle English got the win for Elba on the mound as he pitched four scoreless innings and allowed one run on hits with six strike-outs. Derrick Thomas came in to relief and pitched two and one-third innings and allowed no hits, while striking out six batters.

The Elba Tigers will hold their first annual "Lift Off" on Friday, April 19, at 7:00 PM at the Elba High School gym, with all proceeds going to help finance the Elba High Athletic program.

Students in grades six-twelve will participate in the lift off, which is a fund raiser for all Elba High varsity sports.

In closing... My younger brother Gordie is in Mobile and has a daughter that attends Rice University on a swimming scholarship. This past season Gordie was named the swimmer of the year in the Western Athletic Conference after setting two conference records at the WAC meet, and more recently she placed second in the 50 yard free-style at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships, placing only .13 of a second behind the winner. Gordie has dedicated her free time to swimming for many years to get to the top of her sport, and she has almost made it. I am not sure but even though Gordie could do a mean cannonball off the high dive at the country club when we were growing up, I can't give him too much credit for passing on his swimming skills to his daughter.

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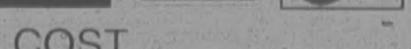
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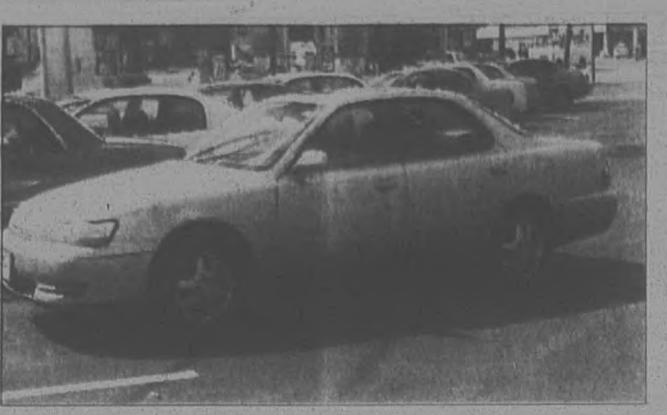
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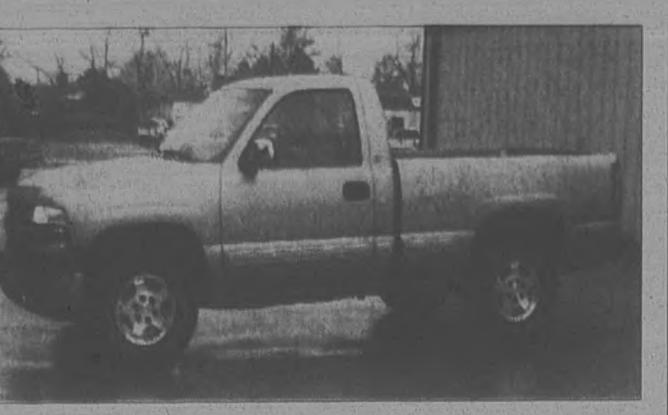
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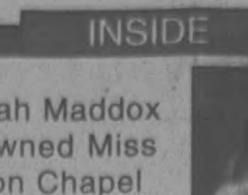
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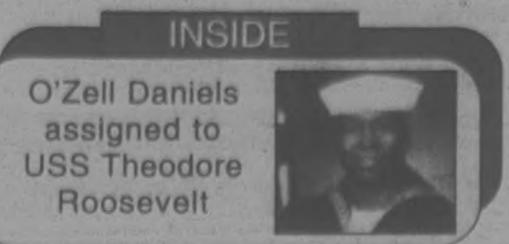
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Elba School Board hears proposal to terminate agribusiness program

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Emotions were high Tuesday evening at the monthly meeting of the Elba City School Board. What is normally a short, very routine "going through the motions" of paying the bills,

proposed termination of Agribusiness program and

Superintendent Danny Weeks and the school board members report community pressures from parents. During the meeting of Education to cut locally funded programs (teachers) to bring the operating budget back out of a deficit balance. Several months ago a representative of the state department appeared before the board and told board members this must be done and recommended cutting up to 10 teacher units.

The proposal to cut the ag program was placed on the agenda and word of the proposal began circulating throughout the community last week.

While many argue that the deficit is due to the slack economy and statewide proration, school officials in Elba are also facing a declining enrollment, which further cuts state teacher funding.

Superintendent Weeks read from a prepared recommendation and said: "I hereby recommend that the employment of

County BOE holds off on buying new textbooks

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education entertained recommendations from the textbook committee during its regular monthly meeting Thursday, April 4.

Tom Moates, textbook coordinator for the system, addressed the board with recommendations from the textbook committee, and he said the committee worked extremely hard this year in coming up with its recommendations for the science textbooks.

Moates said he has been the coordinator for the schools for over the past 12 years and he remembers the last time the science cycle came about six years ago. He said the teachers did not like the books that were chosen.

"I have nothing to do with the selection. All I do is coordinate," he said. "However, all the science teachers in the school system are involved in this process."

Moates said if the board approved the recommendations of the committee and the school system was able to purchase some of the books, they will be used for six years.

"The Glenco book was popular with all the teachers with the exception of the Biology book in which they liked the Holt book," he said in reference to the 6-12

grades.

In regard to evolution, Moates said he had looked at some of the books, and they all mention evolution. However, he said the Glenco books seemed to be the most conservative on the issue.

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Moving on to elementary education (K-5), Moates said committee also chose the Glenco division which is the McGraw-Hill book.

"Tonight, I want to ask you to adopt all the books on the state's list (every science book)," he said. "That way we can keep the extras as resources."

Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said the school system had fixed some textbook monies this year to pay other things; therefore, the purchase of any books would require the system to pay them out of local funds.

"I recommend we adopt the state's list but not purchase any books until we see what the legislature is going to do," she said.

A motion was made to this effect and passed by a unanimous vote of the board.

While handling personnel mat-

ter, the board approved the retirement of three employees which covers a span of 64 years of service.

This included JoAnne Jones, a fifth grade teacher at Zion Chapel Elementary School, who has taught in the school system for 31 years. The board also accepted the retirement of JoAnn Bess and Doris N. Weeks. Bess has 23 years of service with the school system and Weeks has 10 years of service. They each retire from Kinston High School as Child Nutrition Program workers.

Other personnel matters included administrative leave for Linda Lawrence, New Brockton Elementary School teacher, and resignation of Amber Lambeth, New Brockton High School support staff.

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Dyess said he wants to help fur-

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are fully met, he said there is

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